

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified application. The following remarks state Applicant's bases for making this request and are organized according to the Examiner's Action.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner states that Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Edamura (U.S. 4,972,060). The Examiner further states that Edamura et al. anticipate the structure claimed including a plurality of display portions (12, 14, 15) for displaying cooking information and operating mode information on the same display portions at different times, a plurality of control switches (11, 13) for starting cooking timers for each cooking menu displayed on the display portions, the means (13) for switching and selecting a plurality of cooking information and operating modes which includes the operating names and the state of the operating utensil (also, see column 4, lines 15-21).

Applicant has canceled Claims 2-5 and has prepared new Claims 6-11 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as his invention without reading on the prior art.

Claim 6 recites elements of the cooking utensil or fryer and calls for a fryer comprising different groups of operating modes comprising (a) a first group comprising first special operating modes, S3 to S9, (b) a second group comprising second special operating modes, S13 to S19, and (c) a third group comprising third special operating modes, S20 to S26. Further, Claim 6 points out that the respective groups can only alternately be selected if their respective starting point has been displayed on the display portion. The cooking time adjustment mode is only enabled in one special group of operating modes when an operating switch is in the ON-state, but disabled if the operating switch is in the OFF-state. A bail-out cleaning mode is only enabled in another special group of operating modes when an operating

switch is in the OFF-state, but disabled if the operating switch is in the ON-state. Claims 7-11 are dependent on Claim 6 and provide limitations regarding the operating modes.

Edamura et al. discloses a microwave oven (not a fryer as in the present invention) having a plurality of display portions (12, 14, 15) for displaying cooking information and operation mode information on the same display portion at different times. However, Claim 6 comprises elements of a fryer not disclosed by Edamura et al. and Edamura et al. do not disclose a boil-out cleaning mode which is enabled when the operating switch is in the OFF-state. Therefore, Applicant believes that new Claims 6-11 are not anticipated by Edamura et al. and that Claims 6-11 are allowable.

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

The Examiner states that the Applicant's arguments filed February 23, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the reasons stated by the Examiner in the Office Action. As described above, Applicant has canceled Claims 2-5 and added new Claims 6-11.

In view of the above, it is submitted that Claims 6-11 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of new Claims 6-11 is respectfully requested. Accordingly, it is requested that these claims be allowed and the case be sent to issue.

If there are any questions, we urge the Examiner to call us. Please charge any costs in connection with this document to our Deposit Account No. 16-0875.

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